

## ANTHROPOLOGICAL RESEARCH

*Exchange of notes at México December 4, 1943, and April 19, 1944,  
with text of memorandum agreement*

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*Supplemented and extended by agreement of June 21, 1949<sup>1</sup>*

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*The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs*

EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
*México, D.F., December 4, 1943*

No. 2100

### EXCELLENCY:

Pursuant to instructions from my Government and in accord with the desires of the Smithsonian Institution of Washington, D.C., to cooperate with the appropriate Mexican authorities and local organizations in the field of anthropological research, I have the honor to attach herewith a proposed Memorandum Agreement which sets forth the obligations that would be assumed by the Government of the United States through the Institute of Social Anthropology of the Smithsonian Institution, and by the Government of Mexico through the Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, with a view to obtaining acceptance by the Mexican Government. In the event that the Mexican authorities find the proposal to be acceptable, Your Excellency's reply to that effect will complete the Agreement and it is not necessary that the Memorandum be signed.

The Smithsonian Institution is now prepared to carry out its obligation to detail a special anthropologist to Mexico to perform a part of the services contemplated by the proposed Agreement, and has selected for the assignment Dr. George M. Foster, Jr. Dr. Foster is 30 years of age and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in anthropology from Northwestern University which he obtained in 1935. He pursued post graduate studies in anthropology at the University of California and received a Doctor of Philosophy degree in anthropology from that institution in 1941.

<sup>1</sup> TIAS 1961, *post*, p. 1248.

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to notice of termination given by the United States May 2, 1952.

Dr. Foster has engaged in scientific expeditions involving studies of the ethnology of the Yuki Indians of California and the Popoluca Indians of Veracruz, Mexico. He has also traveled in Puerto Rico, China, Alaska, Japan and various European countries in connection with his studies. He was engaged as a Teaching Fellow at the University of California in 1937; Instructor in Sociology at Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, in 1941-1942; Lecturer in Anthropology at the University of California, Los Angeles, California, in 1942-1943; Social Science Analyst, Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, Washington, D.C., from May to September, 1943, and is now serving on the staff of the Smithsonian Institution. Dr. Foster's scientific interests lie in studies of the culture and the culture changes of modern Indians, especially those of Mexico, in which connection he has published a number of scientific papers and monographs. He is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Anthropological Association, and the American Folklore Society.

It is hoped that Dr. Foster's name and qualifications may be found acceptable for the performance of the services contemplated.

Since the Smithsonian Institution desires that Dr. Foster, if found acceptable, begin his field research early in December and considering that it will be necessary for him to engage in certain organizational activities in Mexico City prior thereto, it would be appreciated if Your Excellency might express the views of the Mexican Government at the earliest possible date in order that I may inform my Government by cable.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

GEORGE S. MESSERSMITH

Enclosure:

MEMORANDUM AGREEMENT  
dated December 4, 1943

His Excellency

Señor Licenciado EZEQUIEL PADILLA,  
*Minister of Foreign Relations of Mexico*

MEMORANDUM AGREEMENT

Recent conversations between Dr. Julian H. Steward, Director of the Institute of Social Anthropology of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., and Dr. Alfonso Caso, Director of the Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia of Mexico, and Dr. Daniel F. Rubin de la Borbolla, Director of the Escuela Nacional de Antropología of Mexico, have disclosed a desire on the part of these agencies to cooperate in the development of a program of anthropological teaching and research in Mexico. Accordingly, the Government of the United States of America, through the Smithsonian In-

stitution, and the Government of the United Mexican States, through the Escuela Nacional de Antropología of the Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, have agreed as follows:

It shall be the general objective of the said agencies—

1. To cooperate in the training of research personnel of both the United States and Mexico in the techniques of investigations in social science, linguistics, and physical anthropology;

2. To cooperate in a long-range field research program among the Tarascan and other Mexican Indians which will provide for student training in field work and contribute basic data for an understanding of the native peoples of the Americas, such program to be integrated with the plan already developed and partly carried out by the Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia and the University of California; and

3. To publish research findings under such auspices and in such forms and languages as in the opinion of the Smithsonian Institution and the Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia will render them the most useful.

To that end, the Government of the United States, through the Smithsonian Institution, agrees—

(a) to make available the services of a social anthropologist; a cultural geographer; and a linguist or ethnologist;

(b) to pay the expenses of its employees while engaged in field research; and

(c) to pay for the publication of a portion of the cooperative research.

The Government of the United Mexican States, through the Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia of the Ministry of Public Education agrees—

(a) to provide the services of the faculty of the Escuela Nacional de Antropología and its cooperating agencies, office space, laboratories, books, and teaching facilities; and students for both university training and field research training;

(b) to pay the expenses of its participants while engaged in field research; and

(c) to pay for the publication of a portion of the research results.

All expenditures incurred by the Smithsonian Institution shall be paid direct by that organization and all expenditures incident to the obligations assumed by the Government of the United Mexican States shall be paid direct by that Government to the Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia.

This agreement shall come into effect on the day on which it is accepted by the Government of the United Mexican States, and shall continue in effect

until June 30, 1948, or for an additional period if mutually agreed upon in writing, unless the Congress of either country shall fail to make available the funds necessary for its execution in which case it may be terminated on sixty days' advance written notice by the Government of either country.

México, D.F., *December 4, 1943.*

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*The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador*

[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
UNITED MEXICAN STATES  
MEXICO

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México, D. F., *April 19, 1944*

MR. AMBASSADOR:

I have the honor to refer again to Your Excellency's courteous note, number 2100, dated December 4, 1943, in which you were good enough to transmit to me a memorandum which contains the bases of an agreement on cooperation in anthropological investigations which will be carried out by the Mexican Government, through the Institute of Anthropology and History, and by the Government of the United States of America, through the Institute of Social Anthropology of the Smithsonian Institution.

The appropriate authorities having been consulted in this matter, I, in accordance with their wishes, have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the Government of Mexico accepts the Agreement which the Government of the United States of America was so good as to propose to it and considers it as being completed by this note and your Embassy's note to which I referred.

The above-mentioned authorities have already given the necessary instructions to the end that Mexico may begin to fulfill the terms of the Agreement.

I avail myself of the opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

E. PADILLA

His Excellency

GEORGE S. MESSERSMITH,

*Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the  
United States of America,  
City.*